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My Dear Mrs Chapman

My last note to

you was a hurriedly written one, I  
thought the mail would be off before  
it would be possible for me to lift a  
pen. I hope the boxes sent at that  
time would reach you safely and  
that the contents of them will  
meet a ready sale. I have now the  
pleasure to inform you that another  
box is on its way from us, containing  
articles which were not ready at the  
former opportunity. The enclosed is a  
list of its contents with the prices, but  
we would just say as formerly that  
you must just make the price what  
you think fit, as you are the best  
judge in that matter. There is in

this box a very handsome silk patchwork  
table cover, which a very excellent  
young woman of my acquaintance who  
resides in this neighbourhood has  
worked for us, the labour on it is  
immense, I can hardly conceive of the  
patience necessary for such a piece of  
work, but she is a devoted friend  
to the cause of suffering humanity  
& I believe is just commencing another  
for next year, now the price put  
on it is £7.7 - but it is far  
below its value, but the reason  
they give at Glasgow for ~~raising~~  
valuing it so low is to avoid  
Custom House duty, but I hope you  
will get a much higher price for  
it, I should like to know particularly  
how it takes the market as the  
labour is so immense that it would  
be useless to go on with another



and unless there was a good prospect  
of a good price, we shall be  
glad to hear particularly when the  
sale is over how all sold & what  
met the readiest sale, only we  
shall expect to hear of their  
arrival first, we have tried this  
year to be guided as nearly as possible  
by your advice in respect to the  
kind of articles, but in spite of all  
we can exhort, contributors will just  
give us what pleases them best, and  
what they feel most convenient to do.  
we shall be glad of your advice again  
as it is useful to ourselves, I am  
happy to say that the Duchess of  
Aberland has patronised us on this  
occasion, the knitted articles on the  
top of the box are from <sup>her</sup> they were  
done by the inmates of the Glasgow  
Blind Asylum, but they came so  
late that there was no time to value

them, the box was closed & it had  
to be opened hurriedly & they just  
put on the top only we were anxious  
you should know that they came  
from the Duchess, I hope she will  
continue to give us her countenance,  
our influence here is steadily advancing  
& it is to us a source of unparelleled  
pleasure thus to aid the cause of  
the oppressed. The annexation of Texas  
is a grievous affair & calls for exertion  
& increased effort on our part.

Henry C Wright we no  
longer lost much & we expect him  
again to morrow, he is giving the  
Free Church no rest, but it seems  
to do them little good, for their  
leading men have gained so much  
influence over the people that they  
may do any thing they choose be it  
good or bad the people will hear it  
some speak of this worlds religion, our  
zeal in the cause of the oppressed they will

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